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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: U.S. SERVICEMEN CHARGED WITH
CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS

PARIS AND ROME FOR DEA

1. THREE U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE ARRESTED THE EVENING OF JULY 11 NEAR PATRAS AFTER GREEK POLICE OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CANNABIS CULTIVATION ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR RENTED HOUSE. TWO OTHER AIRMEN, RESIDENTS OF SAME HOUSE, ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT. ALL AIRMEN ARE MEMBERS OF U.S. TENANT UNITS OF THE GREEK AIR BASE AT ARAXOS (WEST OF PATRAS).

2. POLICE INVESTIGATION ALLEGEDLY PRODUCED EVIDENCE THAT THE AIRMEN HAD BEEN CULTIVATING 130 CANNABIS PLANTS. LOCAL POLICE HAD THE PREMISES UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR THE PAST 20 DAYS AND MADE THE ARRESTS WHILE THREE AIRMEN WERE ACTUALLY TENDING THE PLANTS. IN ADDITION, AT THE TIME OF ARREST POLICE OFFICIALS FOUND HASHISH SEEDS AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF DRIED INDIAN HEMP ON THE PREMISES.

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3. AFTER THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION JULY 11-12, THE

AIRMEN WERE REMANDED TO U.S. CUSTODY. FORMAL
ARRAIGNMENT WILL BE HELD BEFORE A GREEK MAGISTRATE
ON JULY 15. GREEK AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN MOST COOPER-
ATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES
THUS FAR.

4. COMMANDER OF THE 7206TH AIR BASE ATHENS HAS
ALREADY REPORTED THE CASE THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS
TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE.
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